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CANCEL CLAIMS 1-9

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

evaluating an Intelligent Network Application Part (INAP) part of a signaling message part of the IN query ~~for a determination of a~~ to determine the network operator.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

evaluating a Signaling Connection Control Part (SCCP) part of a signaling message part of the IN query ~~for a determination of a~~ to determine the network operator.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the IN query is ~~being~~ transmitted by utilizing a signaling system no. 7.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the IN query is ~~being~~ transmitted by utilizing an Internet Protocol (IP) based network.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

responding to the IN query via ~~a Number Portability~~ the NP server stating [a] routing information relating to a gateway of the net[ ]work operator; provided that the ~~received~~ IN call is not being initiated in ~~the~~ a basic network based on the intelligent network, and if so;

passing the ~~received~~ IN call to ~~said~~ the gateway.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for handling a network call, comprising:

a server;

a switching center;

an intelligent network (IN) with a service platform; and

a basic network being based on the intelligent network;

~~said~~ the server receiving an IN query from the switching center ~~of the basic network~~, ~~said~~ the IN query relating to a call received by the basic network, ~~said~~ the server utilizing information contained in the IN query for determining whether the intelligent network supports the call, and if so, said the server passing the IN query to the service platform;

wherein the IN query appears to the switching center to be sent directly to the service platform, and wherein the IN query is not sent to the NP server via the service platform.

16. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 15, further comprising the step of:

responding via the server to the IN query by stating routing information relating to a gateway in the basic network provided that the call is not being initiated in the basic network.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for handling intelligent network (IN) calls ~~from a first~~ identified by a switching center having a Service Switching Point (SSP) functionality, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an IN query in the ~~first~~ switching center relating to an IN call ~~after identifying the IN call~~;

sending ~~receiving~~ the IN query ~~in~~ to a ~~second server, known as an~~ number portability (NP) server, wherein the IN query appears to the switching center to be sent directly to a service platform having Service Control Point (SCP) functionality, and wherein the IN query is not sent to the NP server via the service platform;

utilizing the IN query in the NP server to determine ~~which~~ a network operator ~~is~~ supporting the IN call; and

passing the IN query to a service platform ~~of a third server~~ having associated with an intelligent network of the network operator so that the IN query appears to the service platform to come from the ~~first~~ switching center.